(c) The oil companies have taken the following steps to check short delivery in retail outlets:—

(i) A Standard 5 litre measure duly calibrated/stamped by Weights & Measures Deptt. is available at all the Retail Outlets for checking the delivery of correct quantity by the dealer.

(ii) The customer visiting the petrol pump can also check the delivery if he so desires.

(iii) During the inspection/joint inspection by the oil industry teams, the delivery of the dispensing unit is also checked.

(iv) In case of shrot delivery, the seals of the dispensing units are checked. If the seals are intact but the deliveries are below tolerance limits, sales and supplies are stopped immediately and subsequently resumed only after re-calibration is carried out by the Weights & Measures Deptt. to ensure that correct quantity is delivered to the customer.

Action such as issue of warning, suspension of sales and supplies, imposition of fines and even termination of the dealership/distributorship, is taken in proven cases of malpractices/irregularities.

Cooking Gas Distribution through Pipeline

2552. SHRI RAHAS BIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any plan under which the cooking gas will be distributed through pipelines in the Capital;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the cost of the plan alongwith the target fixed for the completion thereof; and

(d) the budgetary provision made during the current financial year in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A pilot project to supply gas to the domestic sector was taken up by GAIL to 12,000 houses in Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar and Pandara Park areas of New Delhi. To extend the coverage to other parts of city, the Government has approved the formation of a Joint Venture Company (JVC) consisting of GAIL and BPCL having a total 50% equity and the balance to be offered to financial institutions, public etc. The JVC would be taking up the project for distribution of piped gas in Delhi city at an estimated cost of Rs. 537 crores to cover 2,31,000 domestic consumers, commercial consumers and 20,000 vehicles in the National Capital Region of Delhi. The period for completion of the project is 6 years from the date of the formation of the JV Company.

(d) No budget provision from the Government is required towards this Project. GAIL and BPCL will be contributing from their own resources.

LPG Distributorship in Kerala

2553. SHRI . CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the list of the Small Towns in Kerala having a population of 10,000 and above which are proposed to engage distributors for LPG;

(b) out of these, how many distributors for LPG have already been engaged; and

(c) whether Government ould consider to engaged the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation also for distribution

of LPG in those places where they have applied for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) In line with the existing policy, 90 LPG distributorship with 42 in Urban/rural areas have been included in the LPG Marketing Plan, 1996-98 for Kerala.

(b) Dealer Selection Board for making selection of the dealership/distributorship for the locations advertised, has not yet started making selection. Therefore, no LPG distributorship has yet been appointed for any of the above locations included in the LPG Marketing Plan 1996-98 for Kerala.

(c) Applications of Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation will be considered by the Dealer Section Board (Kerala) alongwith the applications of other eligible candidates as per policy.

LPG Distributorship at Nalanda

2554. SHRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LPG distributorship has since been given at Nalanda;

(b) if not, what are the details of the progress made in this regard, so far; and

(c) by when LPG distributorship is likely to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited has advertised one LPG distributorship for Nalanda on 30-6-1998 under Open (Women) category. It generally takes 6-12 months for allotment of the dealership/ distributorship after issue of the advertisement.

Allocation of Naphtha for Godavari Power Project

2555. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allocate additional 60000 MT Naphtha for Godavari Power Project at Kakinada for running of gas turbine units;

(b) if so, when would it be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) A request has been receiverd from M/s Spectrum Power Generation Ltd. for allocation of an additional quantity of 6000 MTPA of Naphtha for their 208 MW Godavari Gas Power Project at Kakinada.

(b) and (c) Under the liquid fuels for power policy, a power capacity of 1500 MW was allotted to Andhra Pradesh against which fuel linkages have been made.

In the meeting of the High Powered Board held on 1.7.1998, the following modifications in the Liquid Fuel Policy for Power Plants have been approved:—

(i) The existing ceiling capacities allocated to various States would apply only to Naphtha. This would be in addition to the FO/LSHS linkages already given.

(ii) States would, however, be free to contract for new power projects on FO beyond the existing linkages. Taking into account the environmental impplications, it will be mandatory for such new FO based power plants beyond the existing linkages to use Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) technology, or any other technology that would bring